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Letter dated 17 September 1999 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 3rd plenary meeting of its fifty-fourth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/54/250). Those recommendations were approved by the General Assembly, also at its 3rd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to paragraph 47 and the relevant part of paragraph 57 of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Theo-Ben **Gurirab**

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Annex

Allocation of items to the Third Committee

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (item 106).

   [The General Assembly decided that, in the light of resolution 52/80 of 12 December 1997, the four plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons would be held on Monday and Tuesday, 4 and 5 October 1999.]

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice (item 107).

3. International drug control (item 108).

4. Advancement of women (item 109).

   [The General Assembly decided that item 109 would also be considered directly in plenary for the sole purpose of taking action on the draft resolution entitled "Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women" recommended to the General Assembly for its adoption by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1999/13 of 28 July 1999, on the understanding that this would not set a precedent.]

   [The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women would be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 101 (Operational activities for development).]

5. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (item 110).

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (item 111).

7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (item 112).

8. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (item 113).

9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (item 114).

10. Right of peoples to self-determination (item 115).

11. Human rights questions (item 116):

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

    (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, III to V, VII (sections A to C and I) and IX] (item 12).

[The General Assembly decided that the chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a)	Chapters I, VII (sections B and C) and IX ...	Plenary meetings and Second and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapters III to V and VII (section A)	Plenary meetings and Second Committee]